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**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD****OAK TREE AT PLEASANTON**

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**Report of the Board of Stewards  
To the California Horse Racing Board**

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Darrel McHargue, Chief Steward

Report for the period Wednesday, June 20, 2018 through Sunday, June 24, 2018.

**WEDNESDAY****06-20-18<sup>1</sup> DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Will Meyers was present to supervise entries and declarations.

**THURSDAY****06-21-18<sup>1</sup> RULING #5**

Jockey **FRANCISCO MONROY** who rode **LET IT BE ME** in the first race at Oak Tree at Pleasanton on Sunday, June 17, 2018 is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred dollars (\$100)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (use of Riding Crop – used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond).

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Monroy appeared and admitted he violated the crop rule by striking his mount four consecutive times in the stretch.

**06-21-18<sup>2</sup> RULING #6**

Jockey **LUIS LIRA** is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100)\* for failure to report his proper weight, necessitating a rider change in the first race at the Oak Tree at Pleasanton meeting on Sunday, June 17, 2018, a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1682 (Weighing out).

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Lira met with the Stewards and apologized for failing to make his assigned weight for the first race on Sunday, June 17, 2018.

**06-21-18<sup>3</sup> DECLARATIONS**

2<sup>nd</sup> race: #1 HEART OF MINE  
Sick - DVM Sporer

(Tr. S. Sherman)  
REFUND: \$ 65.00

This declaration reduced the field to four wagering interests and there was no show wagering offered.

06-21-18<sup>4</sup> **STEWARDS REVIEW – 2<sup>nd</sup> RACE**

The Stewards conducted a review of the second race for the benefit of the wagering public. The video shows #2 ROSIE'S GOLD (Irving Orozco) duck into the rail near the 1/16 pole. Jockey Orozco was fortunate to hang on as he lost both irons. No other horses in the four horse field were involved.

06-21-18<sup>5</sup> **STEWARDS REVIEW - 3<sup>rd</sup> RACE**

The Stewards showed a review of the start of the third race for the wagering public. The video shows #4 LIFE NO PAROLE (Irving Orozco) lifted and was off to a poor start. The gate opened properly and LIFE NO PAROLE was declared a starter.

06-21-18<sup>6</sup> **CLAIM VOIDED – 5<sup>th</sup> RACE**

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by Trainer William E. Morey for the four year old filly SOUGHT MORE PEP after the Official Veterinarian Diane Isbell, DVM, reported the filly lame in the left foreleg. SOUGHT MORE PEP was returned to the Rene Amescua barn.

06-21-18<sup>7</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

OTP	1295	\$	163,920.34
NCOT	1039	\$	337,965.17
SCOT		\$	89,111.70
Out of State		\$	190,720.38
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2334</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>781,717.59</b>

**FRIDAY**

06-22-18<sup>1</sup> **RULING #7 – FRANK ALVARADO**

Jockey **FRANK ALVARADO** who rode **FRENCH TART** in the third race at Oak Tree at Pleasanton on Thursday, June 21, 2018 is fined the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop – on the head, flanks, or any parts of its body other than the shoulders or hind quarters).

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Alvarado met with the Stewards and explained his mount (#3 FRENCH TART) was trying to drift out when he tapped her a couple of times on the side of her head with the riding crop. He realizes that the crop may not be used on any part of the head and accepted the penalty imposed.

06-22-18<sup>2</sup> **RULING #8 – JOSE MANUEL RODRIGUEZ (18GG0003)**

Jockey Agent/Valet Jose Manuel Rodriguez, having now appeared and a hearing having been held, is restored to good standing and Pacific Racing Association ruling #119, dated June 3, 2018 suspending Mr. Rodriguez for violation of California Horse Racing rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) is hereby set aside.

Further, Jose Manuel Rodriguez, is fined the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules 1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Altercation) and 1481 (Occupational Licenses and Fees – working without proper license). Additionally, Jose Manuel Rodriguez, is placed on probation for the term of his license (11/2018).

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Rodriguez waived counsel and a formal hearing to address an incident that took place near the paddock at Golden Gate Fields on January, 15, 2018. According to the complaint, "Agent Rodriguez instigated a verbal altercation with Trainer Anthony Stabile that resulted in a minor physical altercation. During the physical altercation Trainer Stabile was shoved and fell down a flight of stairs causing minor injury."

Mr. Rodriguez denied hitting or pushing Mr. Stabile causing him to fall back and down the stairs. However, the Track Veterinarian, Sara Sporer, DVM, witnessed the confrontation and aside from the loud and foul language used by Mr. Rodriguez, she clearly saw the latter "purposefully and with great force used both hands to shove Mr. Stabile in the chest,

causing him to fall backwards on the concrete stairs, breaking a lens out of his eyeglasses." Decision forthcoming.

06-22-18<sup>3</sup> **DECLARATIONS/PROGRAM CHANGES**

2<sup>nd</sup> race: #4 MR. GEE'S JOURNEY  
Sick - DVM Sporer

(Tr. J. Wong)  
REFUND: \$ 142.00

This declaration reduced the field to four wagering interests and there was no show wagering offered.

3<sup>rd</sup> race: #3 NEAT N TEIDE  
Sick - DVM Sporer

(Tr. R. Amescua)  
REFUND: \$ 170.30

4<sup>th</sup> race: #6 ONTONOME  
Sick - DVM Sporer

(Tr. J. Puentes)  
REFUND: \$ 164.05

06-22-18<sup>4</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

OTP	1685	\$	234,817.63
NCOT	1442	\$	508,400.50
SCOT		\$	110,905.20
Out of State		\$	284,182.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3127</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,138,305.93</b>

**SATURDAY**

06-23-18<sup>1</sup> **FILM REVIEW**

The Stewards met with Jockey Heribert Martinez for a review of his effort in the seventh race yesterday.

Mr. Martinez, who rode #6 MR. TWINERY, made a couple of questionable moves down the backside of this six furlong event. The veteran rider explained his mount was somewhat hard to handle and realized he bothered another horse. Fortunately, that other horse #3 MALIBU ALEX (Alejandro Gomez) went on to win the race.

Mr. Martinez was issued a stern warning about intentionally altering course and/or not making an effort to control a difficult horse.

06-23-18<sup>2</sup> **DECLARATIONS**

5<sup>th</sup> race: ROCK SLINGER  
Sick - DVM Sporer  
8<sup>th</sup> race: OUR RENEE  
Sick - DVM Sporer

(Tr. C. DeLima)  
REFUND: \$ 310.00  
(Tr. J. Wong)  
REFUND: \$ 163.50

06-23-18<sup>3</sup> **OBJECTIONS – 1<sup>ST</sup> RACE**

Two jockey objections were lodged following the first race (Quarter horse).

Jockey Shawn Spikes, who rode #3 HIGH ON A SECRET (4<sup>th</sup>) claimed foul against #4 ZOOMIN FOR HIBUX (Jesus Velazquez) who finished third. The Stewards disallowed this Objection as Mr. Spikes mount broke out at the start and caused more interference than the slight inconvenience he suffered later on in the race.

The second objection by Jockey Jesus Velazquez, who rode #4 ZOOMIN FOR HIBUX (third) against #6 OUTDASHN (Luis Godoy) (first) was also disallowed as the Stewards determined the latter was clear while drifting in late in the race.

Both decisions were unanimous.

06-23-18<sup>4</sup> **ACCIDENT – INQUIRY 2<sup>ND</sup> RACE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the second race (mule).

The video shows #3 PLEASE BELIEVE ME (Luis Godoy) bucked and unseated her rider midway through this 350 yard mule event. PLEASE BELIEVE ME will be placed on the Stewards List. Jockey Godoy was uninjured.

06-23-18<sup>5</sup> **ACCIDENT – INQUIRY 9<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

The Stewards conducted an inquiry following the ninth race to review an accident at the start of this five and one half furlong event.

The video shows #4 LUCK LASTS (Frank Alvarado) broke in the air and unseated his rider. LUCK LASTS was declared a starter and Jockey Alvarado was not injured.

06-23-18<sup>6</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

OTP	3695	\$	401,190.04
NCOT	2189	\$	957,106.11
SCOT		\$	271,846.70
Out of State		\$	457,070.71
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5884</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,087,213.56</b>

**SUNDAY**06-24-18<sup>1</sup> **RULING #9 – JESUS VELAZQUEZ**

Jockey **JESUS VELAZQUEZ** is hereby suspended pending an appearance before the Board of Stewards at Oak Tree at Pleasanton for failure to appear as ordered; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of **JESUS VELAZQUEZ** are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards) subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

The above ruling was issued as Mr. Velazquez failed to appear for a review of his use of the riding crop during the first race on Saturday June 23, 2018.

06-24-18<sup>2</sup> **DECLARATIONS**

3 <sup>rd</sup> race: #5 BRAVE TIMES	(Tr. M. Stortz)
Sick - DVM Sporer	REFUND: \$ 2.00
5 <sup>th</sup> race: #2 AWESOME ANYWHERE	(Tr. T. McCanna)
Sick – DVM Sporer	REFUND: \$ 310.00
8 <sup>th</sup> race: #6 THE PERFECT SQUARE	(Tr. C. DeLima)
Stewards – broke through starting gate and ran off	REFUND: see below
#9 NINETY NINE PROOF	(Tr. Andy Mathis)
Sick – DVM Sporer	REFUND: see below
10 <sup>th</sup> race: #1 RAINDANCE RULES	(Tr. E. Moger)
Sick – DVM Sporer	REFUND: \$ 290.80

06-24-18<sup>3</sup> **STEWARDS REVIEW – 7<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

The Stewards provided a review of the seventh race for the wagering public. The video shows #1 CALIFORNIA TRIBE (Alejandro Gomez) lift his head and get off to a poor start.

06-24-18<sup>4</sup> **CLAIM VOIDED – 9<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by Trainer Guillermo Preciado for #4 THEGIRLUBRINGHOME (Tr. John Martin) after the Official Veterinarian Diane Isbell, DVM, reported that the three year old filly was lame in the right foreleg. The filly was returned to the Martin barn.

06-24-18<sup>5</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

OTP	3487	\$	496,885.16
NCOT	2205	\$	942,581.13
SCOT		\$	237,490.80
Out of State		\$	501,382.99
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5692</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,178,340.08</b>

**M E E T S U M M A R Y**

**ATTENDANCE REPORT** - The full Board of Stewards was in attendance each racing day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
21-Jun.	2	1	HEART OF MINE	S. Sherman	Sick	Sporer	\$65.00
22-Jun.	2	4	MR. GEE'S JOURNEY	J. Wong	Sick	Sporer	\$142.00
22-Jun.	3	3	NEAT N TEIDE	R. Amescua	Sick	Sporer	\$170.30
22-Jun.	4	6	ONTONOME	J. Puentes	Sick	Sporer	\$164.05
23-Jun.	5	2	ROCK SLINGER	C. DeLima	Sick	Sporer	\$310.00
23-Jun.	8	2	OUR RENEE	J. Wong	Sick	Sporer	\$163.50
24-Jun.	3	5	BRAVE TIMES	M. Stortz	Sick	Sporer	\$ 2.00
24-Jun.	5	2	AWESOME ANYWHERE	T. McCanna	Sick	Sporer	\$310.00
24-Jun.	8	6	THE PERFECT SQUARE	C. DeLima	Broke through gate	Stewards	\$19,374.91
24-Jun.	8	9	NINETY NINE PROOF	A. Mathis	Sick	Sporer	

**VETERINARY REPORT - Euthanized / Died - 1**

06-23-18 DASHING ROJA (Quarterhorse) (Tr. R. Guillen) left front fetlock disarticulation just past finish line.

**Veterinarian's List** - There were eleven (11) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 9

Exhausted: 2

There were six (6) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick: 2

Injured: 1

Unsound: 3

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES**

Fresno	\$	81,810.29
Fresno Club One	\$	65,936.20
Golden Gate	\$	615,337.47
Monterey	\$	66,760.30
Sacramento	\$	319,827.63
San Jose	\$	321,193.56
San Mateo	\$	738,256.38
Santa Rosa	\$	116,005.58
Stockton	\$	201,590.94
Vallejo	\$	219,334.46
So. California	\$	709,354.40
Out of State	\$	931,973.69

	21-Jun.	22-Jun.	23-Jun.	24-Jun.	WEEK	MEET
ACCIDENTS	0	0	2	0	<b>2</b>	3
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	2
CLAIMS	1	0	2	1	<b>4</b>	9
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	1
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	0	3	0	<b>3</b>	5
REFUNDS	1	3	5	2	<b>11</b>	15
RULINGS	2	2	0	1	<b>5</b>	9

Respectfully submitted,

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**Dennis Nevin, Steward**

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**Richard Lewis, Steward**

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**Will Meyers, Steward**

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